

located on the left and right sides of the design the open ends of each horseshoe shaped set of tracks located directly opposite and laterally positioned to one another and two non-contiguous straight tracks centrally located on the upper and lower sides of the design directly opposite and longitudinally positioned to one another, all of the horseshoe shaped sets of tracks and straight tracks border an octagon shaped open area in the middle of the design [figure eight lying on its side laterally intersected at its center by straight tracks].

[0058] Figure 22 shows a topside view of tracks comprising the design of two [a] non-contiguous sets of connected arced and curved tracks each in the shape of a horseshoe located on the left and right sides of the design, within each of which a straight track is laterally and centrally positioned the ends of the each straight track abutting or lying at the interior sides of the horseshoe shaped set of tracks, the open ends of each horseshoe shaped set of tracks directly opposite and laterally positioned to one another and two non-contiguous straight tracks centrally located on the upper and lower sides of the design directly opposite and longitudinally positioned to one another, all of the horseshoe shaped sets of tracks, inclusive of the partially enclosed laterally positioned straight tracks, and the longitudinally positioned straight tracks border an octagon shaped open area in the middle of the design [figure eight lying on its side laterally and longitudinally intersected at its center by straight tracks].

[0090] FIG 10 shows a topside view of the preferred embodiment of the invention in the design of a figure eight lying on its side longitudinally [laterally] intersected at its center by a column of straight tracks. The apparatus is comprised of tracks contiguously connected and an octagon shaped end coupler 96 used as a bridge to connect the non-contiguous ends of tracks, including the column of straight tracks 30. The distinct end coupler is located at the center of the apparatus.

[0091] FIG 11 shows a topside view of the preferred embodiment of the invention in the design of a figure eight lying on its side longitudinally [laterally] and laterally [longitudinally] intersected at its center by a column and row of straight tracks. The apparatus is comprised of tracks contiguously connected and an octagon shaped distinct end coupler 96 used as a bridge to connect the non-contiguous ends of tracks, including the column and row of straight tracks 30. The distinct end coupler is located at the center of the apparatus.

[0124] FIG 10 shows a topside view of the second embodiment of the invention in the design of a figure eight lying on its side longitudinally [laterally] intersected at its center by a column of straight tracks. The apparatus is comprised of tracks contiguously connected and an octagon shaped distinct end coupler 96 used as a bridge to connect the non-contiguous ends of tracks, including the column of straight tracks 130. The distinct end coupler is located at the center of the apparatus.

[0125] FIG 11 shows a topside view of the second embodiment of the invention in the design of a figure eight lying on its side longitudinally [laterally] and laterally [longitudinally] intersected at its center by a column and row of straight tracks. The apparatus is comprised of tracks contiguously connected and an octagon shaped distinct end coupler 96 used as a bridge to connect the non-contiguous ends of tracks, including the column and row of straight tracks 130. The distinct end coupler is located at the center of the apparatus.

[0145] FIG 21 shows a topside view of the third embodiment of the invention in the design of two [a] non-contiguous sets of connected arced and curved tracks each in the shape of a horseshoe located on the left and right sides of the design the open ends of each horseshoe shaped set of tracks directly opposite and laterally positioned to one another and two non-contiguous straight tracks centrally located on the upper and lower sides of the design directly opposite and longitudinally positioned to one another, all of the horseshoe shaped sets of tracks and straight tracks border an octagon shaped open area in the middle of the design [figure eight lying on its side laterally intersected at its center by a column of straight tracks.]. The apparatus is comprised of one or more straight, arced, or curved tracks.

[0146] FIG 22 shows a topside view of the third embodiment of the invention in the design of two [a] non-contiguous sets of connected arced and curved tracks each in the shape of a horseshoe located on the left and right sides of the design, within each of which a straight track is laterally and centrally positioned the ends of the each straight track abutting or lying at the interior sides of the horseshoe shaped set of tracks, the open ends of each horseshoe shaped set of tracks directly opposite and laterally positioned to one another and two non-contiguous straight tracks centrally located on the upper and lower sides of the design directly opposite and longitudinally positioned to one another, all of the horseshoe shaped sets of tracks, inclusive of the partially enclosed laterally positioned straight tracks, and the longitudinally positioned straight tracks border an octagon shaped open area in the middle of the design [figure eight lying on its side laterally and longitudinally intersected at its center by a column and row of straight tracks.]. The apparatus is comprised of one or more straight, arced, or curved tracks.

## CLAIMS

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (amended) The article of educational equipment of Claim 5 further including a column of straight tracks longitudinally [laterally] intersecting said apparatus at its center whereby the tracks are either connected to one another or connected to one another with the aid of said distinct end coupler, thereby bridging the non-contiguous ends of the tracks.